

Tax-Aided Services Fall Off

Services to disabled persons by tax-supported vocational rehabilitation agencies across the nation dropped sharply last year, continuing a downward trend from the high-water mark reached in the late '70's and early '80's.

Government researchers have identified a number of causes, including loss of Social Security dollars, a reduced but ongoing inflation rate that continues to cheapen what money remains available, and the priority and emphasis on providing services to the severely-disabled, for whom rehabilitation efforts are more costly.

As the accompanying tables show, the numbers involved are large:

REHABILITATION CASELOAD COMPARISON:

Caseload Measure	Fiscal Year		Percent Change: '82 vs. '81		All-Time High	
	1982	1981	Fiscal Year	Number	Percent Change: '82 vs. High	Percent Change: '82 vs. High
Total applicants	821,332	934,209	-12.1%	1975	1,204,262	-31.8%
New applicants	564,443	638,542	-11.6	1975	885,737	-36.3
Applicants on hand, end of year	232,245	257,610	-9.8	1975	357,653	-35.1
Total active cases served	958,537	1,058,232	-7.7	1975	1,244,338	-23.0
New active cases	334,439	373,310	-10.7	1975	534,491	-37.5
Rehabilitations	226,924	255,881	-11.3	1974	361,138	-37.2
Nonrehabilitations	142,575	157,682	-9.6	1976	179,139	-20.4
Active cases on hand, end of year	589,038	624,669	-5.7	1975	778,448	-24.3
Severe active cases served	571,542	600,727	-4.9	1979	611,994	-6.6
New severe active cases	200,601	224,309	-10.6	1979	226,287	-11.4
Severe rehabilitations	129,866	138,380	-6.2	1979	143,375	-9.4
Severe nonrehabilitations	90,567	95,462	-5.1	1981	95,462	-5.1
Severe active cases on hand, end of year	351,109	366,885	-4.3	1979	381,078	-7.9

Source: *Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education*

What makes this significant, from our point of view, is that our performance record at the Sight Center, in terms of numbers of people served and kinds of services provided, has risen dramatically over the same time span in every area but our sheltered workshop. And we managed to do it despite a forced reduction in staff at the end of 1981 when, to live within our income, it was necessary to eliminate five full-time and two part-time staff positions. So far, only one of those full-time positions has been fully restored; another has been partially restored, and one of the part-time positions has been restored at a lower cost level.

SIGHT CENTER SERVICE COMPARISONS:

	1982	1975	Percent Change
Direct Services			
New Referrals:	342	196	+ 74.5%
Rehabilitation/Teaching:	140	110	+ 27.3
Orientation/Mobility:	152	88	+ 72.7
Talking Books:	2,905	1,358	+ 113.9
Sheltered Workshop	40	44	- 10.0
Blind Employees:			
Volunteer Services			
Volunteer Workers:	417	200	+ 108.5
Hours Served:	8,843	1,324	+ 567.9
Prevention of Blindness			
Eyeglasses Provided:	191	51	+ 274.5
Persons Screened:	22,066	500	+ 4,313.2

We think the public will find these comparisons as thought-provoking as we do, for they demonstrate clearly how much of the slack brought about by the decline in tax-supported services has been taken up by the Sight Center and other privately-funded, non-profit agencies.

Given the demands on the Federal government's tax resources, and the philosophy of the Reagan administration when it comes to dividing those resources up, this state of affairs is unlikely to change soon. And that intensifies a knotty problem.

Blindness, despite great progress in coping with certain forms of it, is on the increase, but the Sight Center (and, we suspect, other agencies similarly engaged) is stretched dangerously thin. Current staff cannot serve greater numbers of clients; the waiting lists are already long and are growing.

Volunteer services have been used to the maximum in bridging the gaps, but there is a practical limit to the size and scope of the volunteer programs this agency can realistically handle . . . and we have reached it.

There are other financial problems, but there seems little point in detailing them. If the needs of the community are to be met, additional revenue must be found. Your generous contributions have enabled us to come this far. Please do all you can to keep the campaign going.

William A. Marti

President, Board of Trustees



New Member

Frank Lininger, veteran Sight Center volunteer and long-time member of the Maumee Lions Club, was honored as one of Lucas County's 10 outstanding senior citizens during Senior Citizens Day last May at the Lucas County Recreation Center.

Bruce H. Rumpf, president and owner of the Rumpf Corporation, Toledo, joined the Sight Center's Board of Trustees in late August. His appointment brings the board's membership to 12.

Mr. Rumpf, 32, was born in Cincinnati but has lived most of his life in the Toledo area. He is a 1973 graduate of Ohio State University, with a bachelor of business administration degree.

The corporation he heads includes Rumpf Temporary Services, Rumpf Medical Services, and Rumpf Security Services.

He is a member and past president of the Toledo (Host) Lions Club, Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce, Hope Lutheran Church, Delta Tau Delta fraternity (OSU), the National Association of Temporary Services, vice president of the Toledo Area Small Business Association, the president's council of the Toledo Museum of Art, Brandywine County Club, and the board of directors of Small Business United, a lobbying body in Washington, D.C.

He and his wife, Kimberly Page, have two children, Tori Page, 2, and Benjamin Esser, 8 months.

Christmas Card Sale Under Way

Christmas cards are available again this year through the Sight Center.

Six new selections are featured, with choices open to buyers in religious, traditional holiday, and non-denominational or business motifs.

Prices are \$9, \$9.50, or \$10 for a box of 25 — the same as a year ago. A selection from past years is also available at reduced prices.

Cards may be ordered by calling the Sight Center at (419) 241-1183. They will be delivered anywhere in the United States or its overseas territories for \$1.50.

Buyers may also pick up their own cards at the Center, if they prefer. For an additional charge, buyers may have their own names, or company identification, imprinted.

The Christmas card program is handled almost entirely by volunteer workers. Last year, it netted the Center slightly over \$7,400, the largest return in memory.

Besides Ohio, cards were purchased last

year by buyers in Arizona, California, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York and Puerto Rico.

The Sight Center's Christmas Party for children will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.

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The 58th annual Lions Club Christmas party for members of the blind community will be held Dec. 8 at Gladieux I and II on Laskey Road, just west of Douglas Road, Toledo.

Since September, she has been enrolled at Monroe (Mich.) Community College, studying to become a medical transcriptionist.

Former client Betty Jo Payne, Temperance, Mich., was recently chosen top student for 1983 by the Hadley School for the Blind, Winetka, Ill., and awarded a certificate of achievement for academic excellence. She has completed eight courses of study there. Approximately 6,000 blind or deaf-blind students from all parts of the world study through the Hadley school each year.

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Although chronic glaucoma seldom afflicts children, it remains a leading cause of blindness in people over 40. Chronic glaucoma works slowly — almost imperceptibly — first destroying side and then central vision.

Strong Leadership, Intelligent Planning, Resourcefulness Shaped Center's Growth

Lions Involved From Outset

Lions Clubs were intimately involved

in the birth and development of what

became the Toledo Society for the Blind.

In 1923, even as sentiment was building elsewhere in the Toledo area for creation of an organization to serve the blind, Joseph Clunk, himself a blind man, interested members of the Downtown Toledo (Host) Lions Club in forming such an organization.

Of the original members of the agency's board of trustees, seven were Lions:

Edward E. Evans, Sr., president; William Comte, vice president; C.A. Baldwin, treasurer; August Frank, secretary; and members Oscar Beier, Holt Bullock and Arthur Ziegler.

This agency had barely come into being when, in a dramatic appearance during the 1925 Lions International Convention at Cedar Point, O., Helen Keller asked the Lions to become knights in the service of the blind and hearing-impaired.

Their affirmative, enthusiastic and continuing response has brought them world-wide acclaim.

Various contributions and programs involving local Lions Clubs are mentioned in the minutes of TSB's board of trustee meetings, but often with no indication of when a particular program began. Some of the following dates are, therefore, approximate, and the sums of money cited are only a sampling of the support given over the years.

And while the bulk of the contributions outlined came from the Downtown Toledo (Host) Lions Club, many other contributions have come from Lions Clubs elsewhere in Ohio and Michigan, much of it in the form of cash or other tangible assets, some in the form of leadership, and much of it in quiet service. We thank them all.

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In the early days, the Lions Club provided personal transportation for blind people, utilizing their own vehicles and serving as drivers; that service continues to this day. They have also provided money for cab fare for ladies attending Happy Times meetings the first Wednesday of each month, and for

Presidents



Edward E. Evans

John Goerlich

William A. Marti

While every effort has been made to be accurate and complete in the historical data presented on these pages, some inconsistencies, inaccuracies and omissions are inevitable, since the information was taken from a variety of historical sources, some of which were incomplete or in conflict with each other.

We invite those readers who can supply the Sight Center with documented information that would amend, clarify or set straight any erroneous data to do so.

Special thanks are due Mrs. Nancy Burton for her many volunteer hours spent researching the minutes of the Sight Center's Board of Trustee meetings, upon which much of these data are based, and to board member Louis Zavac and volunteer Martha Ballard for additional research at Lucas County Probate Court.

Others who provided helpful information or photographs were Joel Wurl, of the University of Toledo's local history department; The United Way of Greater Toledo; The Blade; the Library of Congress; members and former members of several Lions Clubs; and former Sight Center employees, volunteers, clients, and their families.

many years those who participated in Progressive Club.

Lions Clubs have also provided money for eye surgery, eyeglasses, and other medical attention for blind or visually impaired people. Lions were instrumental in helping establish and co-sponsor the Community Medical Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Hospital, in conjunction with St. Vincent Hospital and the Sight Center.

Before the Sight Center obtained the property at 1819 Canton Street which is now its headquarters, Lions Club members had been busy raising funds — \$112,000 — to construct the building.

The \$112,000, unfortunately, was insufficient to complete the building; Lion William Comte, of Comte Construction which built the building, absorbed the balance of the cost himself.

One of the earliest and largest projects implemented by the Lions Club was the

annual Christmas party for visually impaired. Next Dec. 8, the 58th consecutive Christmas party will be held, with the entire cost borne by the Lions, and service of food provided by the members and their families.

Lions Club monies supported the first few summer camps for the blind, paved the original parking lot (which is now the floor of the sheltered workshop), purchased a 1974 Plymouth van (still being used daily) for agency use, bought movie projectors and films on blindness, a refrigerator and other equipment for the Center's training apartment for blind students, food so the students could learn cooking and other independent living skills, sophisticated electronic devices and other aids, including countless white canes, for use by those in need of them.

No project has been too big for them,

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Shortly after being elected a member of its board of trustees, he journeyed to New York City and Chicago to observe firsthand the operation of those cities' agencies for the blind.

He returned brimming with ideas for changes here that have been put into effect over the years, because John Goerlich is a doer as well as a thinker.

He was the driving force that converted the sheltered workshop to a modern, industrially-oriented, production-line operation, a move that greatly increased local employment opportunities for blind workers.

He also arranged the workshop's long-standing contract with AP Parts (at competitive rates) for packaging of exhaust system accessories.

Over the life of that contract, hundreds of blind employees have packaged an estimated 2.7 billion components, earning millions of dollars in the process.

Like a small but effective fighting force, the Sight Center has been gifted with strong leaders and intelligent planners who were able to delegate authority to responsible, efficient soldiers.

In difficult times, when resistance from the sighted community to change was strong, or when money was in short supply, the heads of the agency altered course, adapting to meeting changing conditions.

Their dedication, versatility and staying power have kept the agency moving. In 60 years, only three men have served as president of the Toledo Society for the Blind:

Edward E. Evans, Sr., 1927-57.
John Goerlich, 1957-77.
William A. Marti, 1977 to present.

Only seven persons have held the top administrative post:

Dr. Harry S. Will, Nov. 1923 - Feb. 1924.
Mrs. Grace Jamison, 1924-25 - Oct. 1949.
Mrs. Linda Clark, Jan. 1950 - Jan. 1958.
Lyle Kirk, Jan. 1958 - Jan. 1972.
Donald G. Norwood, Jan. 1972 - Jan. 1978.
Barry A. McEwen, Jan. 1978 to present.

While the goal of these individuals was the same, each brought unique strengths and interests to bear on the task at hand. Mr. Evans' leadership and contributions were great; they have, however, been chronicled elsewhere many times, and an assessment of Mr. Marti's tenure is premature. But, the impact of John Goerlich's leadership on the Sight Center for 20 years is evident everywhere.

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Executive Directors



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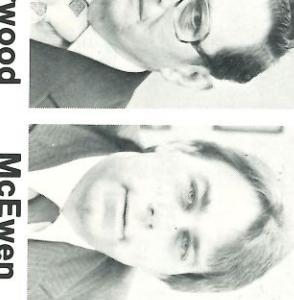
Clark



Kirk



Norwood



McEwen

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Founding Trustees of the Toledo Society for the Blind

Offices Held	Years of Membership
Edward E. Evans, President, 1927-57	1927-57
Claire V. Skinner, Vice President, 1927-38	1927-38
Katherine Geddes, Treasurer, 1927-38	1927-43
Robert F. Nachtrieb, Secretary, 1927-41	1927-41
Miss Jessie Welles, Executive Committee, 1932-38;	
Vice President, 1938-43	1927-43
Rev. Karl J. Alter	1927-28
Frank B. Anderson	1927-28
Wendell Johnson	1927-29
Rev. Stephen K. Mahon	1927-28
Overton J. Reamy	1927-57
Frank G. Saxton	1927-31
Dr. Walter H. Snyder	1927-38

Able Leaders Guided Growth:

(from preceding page)

There were years when it was the only contract the workshop could handle.

It was he who suggested that the Sight Center seek accreditation, an idea that bore fruit in 1978 when the Sight Center was accredited for the first time. It has remained accredited since.

It was he who arranged and paid for private legal counsel to represent a blind Toledoan who had been stripped of his workman's compensation benefits — awarded when he was blinded in an industrial explosion — because the man found new employment after rehabilitation.

The litigation lasted three years, with the Ohio Supreme Court ruling that industrial awards made for permanent and total disabilities are permanent, and cannot be voided or reduced when a person, through rehabilitation, learns a new trade and earns new income.

No one, including himself, knows how many times John Goerlich has donned Santa Claus suits to help make Christmas parties for blind children a success.

No one knows, either, how many guided tours of the Sight Center he has conducted for anyone interested in learning about it.

When he was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the board recognized many of his services in a 10-point proclamation that commended him for:

Serving as a member of the committee which planned and developed the present Sight Center at 1819 Canton, Toledo; Initiating the agency's annual Christmas card program as a fund-raiser; Initiating the glossy, semi-annual newsletter in 1964;

Arranging for the purchase of property at 813 Ontario St., Toledo, that was used as a rehabilitation residence for blind men for a number of years;

Obtaining the donation of several vehicles for Sight Center use; remodeling efforts of the Sight Center. And the list could go on.

But Mr. Goerlich's philanthropy has not been limited to the Sight Center. Though he was not formally educated, he is a graduate of countless correspondence courses and has made a quiet crusade of helping qualified, talented young people receive training in the professions of their choice; among them were businessmen, physicians, and ministers.

"... of those I helped," he once said, "only one has failed me. I think that's a pretty good record."

And although it has received minimal publicity, the Goerlich Family Foundation, which includes his wife of 62 years, Selma, and the families of his daughters, Mrs. Selma Putman and Mrs. Sandra Alexander, has been generous in support of many local charities besides the Sight Center.

Nothing said here is meant to belittle the contributions of the many other people who have served the blind community.

Hard work, relatively low pay — or no pay — and scant recognition for their sacrifices have been the reward for most connected with the Toledo Society for the Blind, volunteers as well as employees.

But John Goerlich is 85 years old, and has passed the reins of command to a younger generation who, in his own words, "are doing a better job of taking care of the needs of the blind than I could."

"I was a promoter, a money-raiser," he remarked recently. "The Sight Center badly needs someone who can raise money now."

And he added, "I wouldn't do one thing different if I had it all to do over again."

TOLEDO SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Edward E. Evans 1926-1957	Robert F. Nachtrieb 1927-1941
John Goerlich 1957-1977	William Comte 1941-1943
William A. Marti 1977-present	August Frank 1943-1955
VICE PRESIDENT	TREASURER
Ms. Claire V. Skinner 1927-1938	Walter Cline 1955-1981
Miss Jessie Welles 1938-1943	Louis Zavac 1981-present
William Comte 1943-1967	Katherine Geddes 1927-1936
Thomas R. Day 1979-present	C. A. Baldwin 1936-1955
TRUSTEES	
A. E. Whittenburg 1928-29	Carl F. Weissenberger 1957-69
Sol Edelstein 1928-43	Donald L. Dresser 1957-67
William Comte 1929-64	Cedric Wilson 1958-63
Rev. Harold P. Chilcote 1929	Judge Edward Norris 1958-61
W. Carl Battis 1930	Dr. Robert Kiess 1961-present
Frank Moling 1931-43	Louis D. Paine 1961-80
Holt D. Bullock 1931-71	Walter Hartough 1956-67
C. A. Baldwin 1933-50	Richard Vining 1965-80
August Frank 1933-55	Lyle Kirk 1972-77
Rev. M. J. Doyle 1935-57	Carolyn Meszaros 1967-79
Dr. Sam Patterson 1939-54	Frank Pletz 1967-81
Oscar Beier 1943-50	Martin Ecker 1969-76
Art Ziegler 1943-56	William A. Marti 1968-present
Mrs. Augusta Leatherman 1944-55	Charles Trauger 1971-present
Donald Hagemeister 1946-54	Lillian Thomas 1970
Walter Cline 1951-81	Harold Garner 1977
Mrs. Bernard Baker 1954-63	Louis Zavac 1977-present
Franklin Schroeder 1954-present	Harry Kessler 1978-present
John Goerlich 1954-present	Robert Oberhouse 1978-present
Thomas R. Day 1955-present	Robert Y. Murray 1978-present
Orville Beemer 1954-56	Margaret Wensel 1981-present
Dr. Floyd Frost 1954-59	Bruce H. Rumpf 1983-present
Mrs. Richard Heymann, Jr. 1956	

Bequests Vital to Agency

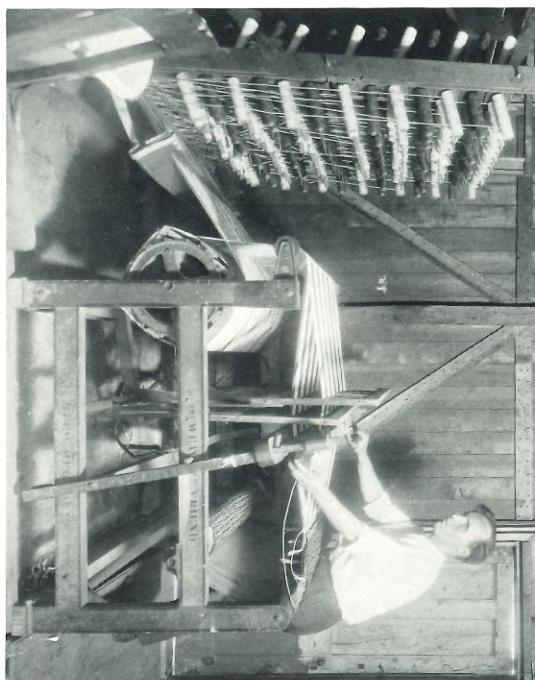
The following list includes the names of those persons known to have set aside all or part of their estates to perpetuate the work of the Sight Center in its 60-year history. The names are shown in approximate order the bequests were received.

Edward D. Libbey	Minnie F. Walton	George Keilholtz
Thomas Walbridge	Ruth F. Yerzy	Tom Kaplan
Jerusha Mulhollen	Ralph W. Perkins	Esther Boos
Mrs. Morrison Young	Collins Estate	Mary Louise McCosh
Jerry Bingham	William Bretsch	Florence Dunsmore
Mrs. Clarence Brown	Catherine Frudiger	George Haverstock
Mrs. John Clauss	Joseph Berdan	Marie Schmassman
Mrs. Noah Swayne	Staggemeier Estate	Ethel Walton
Mrs. Ida M. Horton	Sophia R. Refor	Grace Sheldon
Mrs. W. S. Walbridge	Clyde Condit	Marie F. G. McDonald
Sol Edelstein	Anna Pardee	Mabelle R. Brown
William Yeslin	Bessie D. Hubbard	Jessie Hunt
Mrs. Melita J. Van Keurin	Irving Gambit	Wade W. Fenton
David J. Marleau	Jesse B. Miller	Ray Kirtle
Urschel Estate	Winifred W. Blank	William S. Cooke
Caroline Williams	Emma R. Jockel	Catherine Jankowski
Nellie Basch	Mary Mac Prescott	Ida Down
Peter Wesley James	Charlotte Seamer	Georgie McAfee
Swayne Estate	William Comte	Martha R. Felt
Green Estate	Dorcas Beebe Kruse	Gerttrude E. Binzer
Blanche E. Hughes	Grace N. Sherman	Ernestine U. Winzeler
Metcalfe Estate	Edna E. Quetschke	Forest M. Joslin
Ruth F. Shank	Harriet L. Aller	Clarence Hickok
Sayfang Estate	Donald Wolfe	Harold D. Smith
Daisy S. Hickok	Henry Kramer	Kathryn M. Holmes

*Dr. Will's photo courtesy of The University of Toledo Archives (UT Bulletin, 1920).
Photos of Edward Evans and Linda Clark courtesy of Toledo Blade.*

SCENES FROM YESTERYEAR

Like point and counterpoint, a dual theme persists in the history of the fight by blind people for full membership in society: the demand for independence, based jointly on the ability to travel freely, and the need for meaningful, productive employment. These photographs, taken from Sight Center files dating to 1925, illustrate some of the forms that fight has taken.



This forerunner to today's modern, production-oriented workshops shows blind operator Charles Twenty at work on *The Weaver's Friend*.



Mobility, circa 1925: Casper Bihm, left, of Stony Ridge, blows a whistle to summon the traffic officer at a busy downtown Toledo intersection. At right, the officer has left his post to escort Mr. Bihm across the street. Nowadays, blind travelers cross such streets on their own with a white cane or guide dog.



Everyone who travelled through downtown Toledo in the 1940's through the 60's came to recognize Tom Whitaker, a fiercely independent man who sold newspapers from his stand at Superior and Madison Streets. Above, Mr. Whitaker and Lord Byron, his Boxer guide dog.



Right: This young job-seeker found a place in the Sight Center's window to demonstrate her clerical skill to a curious crowd of citizens.



Left: There's a great deal of meaningful activity going on in this 1925 picture of sight-saving classes at Lincoln Elementary School, Toledo. Some of the girls are rake knitting; the boy at front center is doing basket weaving; two girls are typing. A piano and phonograph, also used in teaching, are shown at rear, and one boy is reading a large-print book.



Caning of chairs by hand is an art passed on by the late Arthur Swearengen to his son, John, a current workshop employee. The picture was taken May 1, 1958.



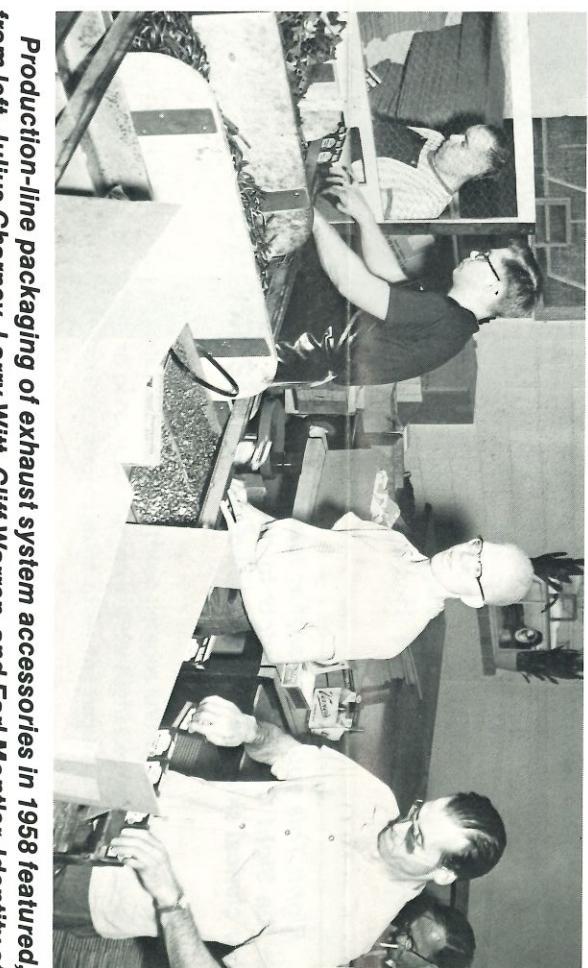
Organized labor has always been a friend to the Sight Center. When the agency's former headquarters at 718 Michigan St. needed a new coat of paint back in the late '40's or early '50's, these 38 men from Local 7, A.F. of L., in cooperation with Toledo Chapter, Painting and Decorating Contractors, and the Toledo Paint, Lacquer, & Varnish Association, pitched in to do the job.



(Photo by Robert Packo, Toledo)

Jeff Zavac was 12 when this 1966 photo was taken of him reading the Scout motto from a four-volume Scout Handbook in braille. But music was his abiding passion: after marching and playing saxophone in the St. John High School band, he earned his college band letter at the University of Cincinnati. Jeff now lives in Miami, Fla., where he has his own radio program on station WLRN-FM. He is also employed by the Miami board of education to teach music to senior citizens, and occasionally plays local engagements with small combos in the Miami area. That's John Goerlich, left, and Frank Keating, Jeff's former scoutmaster at Troop 146, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Toledo, looking on.

Production-line packaging of exhaust system accessories in 1958 featured, from left, Julius Charney, Larry Witt, Cliff Warren, and Earl Montler. Identity of the workman behind Mr. Montler is unknown.



Screening of youngsters for amblyopia, strabismus and other abnormal eye conditions was just getting started locally when little Polly Haarbauer, left, who'd be full-grown by now, underwent the procedure in 1966. In the 17 years since, an estimated 48,100 school-age children have been provided with similar screenings by the Sight Center.



Radios are unnecessary when you can create your own music, as Carroll Howard did one pleasant afternoon in 1959 at Camp Yakita. That's Addie Pointer at left, with her late husband, Tony. Identity of the others in the photo is not known.

John Swearengen Rated Workshop's Top Employee

John Swearengen, whose personal association with the Sight Center reaches back more than 20 years and whose family ties here go back even further, has been named the sheltered workshop's first ever "Blind Worker of the Year".

The award was presented at the monthly employees' meeting Aug. 4 by executive director Barry McEwen.

Earlier this year, all workshop employees were rated by a three-member committee in 16 areas ranging from work habits to education, attitude toward others, adaptability, appearance, attendance, leadership and the degree to which they have overcome their sight handicaps.

The competition is sponsored annually by National Industries for the Blind, which the Sight Center joined in 1982. John Swearengen is the sixth member of his immediate family to work at the Sight Center. His late father, Arthur E. Swearengen, was first.

Others were his sisters, Marge, Helen, and Agnes — the latter a current employee — and brother, Henry.



John Swearengen

His wife, the former Denise Hornier, is also a former employee here.

At one time or other, Mr. Swearengen has handled every job available to employees of the sheltered workshop, including production work and fork-lift operation, and several outside the workshop, including general building maintenance. He also does chair-caning and antique restoration.

He holds an associate degree in criminology from the University of Toledo's Community and Technical College.

Pediatric Ophthalmology Is Lecture Topic

Dr. Norman C. Johnson, Jr., assistant professor of ophthalmology at Medical College of Ohio, will discuss pediatric ophthalmology at the Lyle Kirk Memorial Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at MCO.

Dr. Johnson is a graduate of Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., and New York Medical College. He served his internship at Washington (D.C.) Hospital Center, where he was also resident in ophthalmology and served as chief administrative resident his final year.

He also served a one-year post-doctoral fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus at the Children's Hospital National Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

Most youngsters learn to run, swim, bowl, ice skate, ride a bicycle, use a trampoline or perform dozens of other acts involving motor coordination as a matter of course. They see others doing those things; they try themselves, — probably fall down a few times — but they learn. When you have a physical handicap the others don't have, however, it's not so easy.

So, 12 to 14 times a year, upwards of 40 handicapped children gather at the Saturday Clinic at Bowling Green State University's school of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to improve their motor skills while developing greater self-confidence and self-awareness.

The clinic was established in 1975 for blind and visually impaired children, but has been expanded over the years to include young people with other kinds of handicaps.

They come from as far away as Columbus and Fremont, O., and as nearby as a few blocks off campus.

The program is coordinated by Dolores Black, associate professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, who volunteers her services.

To make it work, she has the help of 50 student volunteers who spend two hours or more at each session working with the youngsters.



Carroll Maas, left, development engineer for National Industries for the Blind, was at the Sight Center in September to cooperate with John Wagener on the engineering for a federal contract bid. The Center's workshop became a member of NIB last year.

Handicapped Youngsters Romp at BG SU Saturday Clinic

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To make it work, she has the help of 50 student volunteers who spend two hours or more at each session working with the youngsters.

Some of the referrals to the program have come through the Sight Center, but many of the parents who bring children just heard of the clinic "by word of mouth," Professor Black said.

The parents are encouraged to participate in all of the activities along with their children, she said — and many do. A number of problems exist. Obtaining proper equipment is one of the larger ones.

Scooters, tricycles, sleds and snow saucers are needed right now for the youngsters with mobility handicaps to practice on, she explained.

More beepers are needed — boxes,

balls, or other containers holding electronic equipment that gives an audible signal blind children can home in on to determine direction and gauge distances.

The Telephone Pioneers of America donate their time and skills putting the beepers together and repairing them when they are broken, but demand chronically outstrips the supply.

Also in short supply are "tactile" things — sandpaper, cotton batting, various fabrics, building blocks, pegs, dowels, different kinds of wood, glass, metal and the like — that can be used to teach differences in texture, density, hardness, elasticity and other physical properties.

Despite the problems, "Spirits are usually high at our sessions," Professor Black said.

The student volunteers come from many academic disciplines, she said — geology, pre-medicine, physical therapy, special education, and others.

Some receive academic credit, while others participate simply for personal enrichment.

Additional children would be welcome in the program, Professor Black said, but she asked that parents of others interested in enrolling youngsters contact her first at the university by calling (419) 372-2395.

Patricia Knell Gains Certification

Patricia Knell, coordinator of the Sight Center's prevention of blindness program, has been certified as professionally and academically qualified to administer a vision screening program by the National Association of Vision Program Consultants.

The certification procedure, begun last year, aims to insure that uniform, high-quality standards are maintained in local vision screening programs.

At the time of the announcement in June, Ms. Knell was the 26th person in the United States to have received NAVPC certification.

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Memorials

A permanent record is made of memorial contributions and other gifts to the Sight Center. Memorials are promptly acknowledged in accordance with the wishes of the contributor. The following is a list of memorials, bequests, and gifts in honor of others received by the Center from April 1 through Sept. 30, 1983.

APRIL

Francis Wheeler, by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Camp, and Bernice Spencer.

Leona Bonkowski, by Mr. and Mrs. Rod Henning.

Reg Ryder, by Mr. and Mrs. Al McEwen.

William Miller, by William A. Marti, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. England, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murray, Mr. and Mrs. William Clemens, and Alex N. Novak.

Robert E. Kraus, by Florence E. Rowell, Mrs. Richard L. Foltz, Marilyn Cochran Page, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Krauss, Glen and June Henry, and the Robert J. Byrne Family.

Rose Mollenkopf, by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Black and seven others.

Helen Osterman, by Marilyn Cochran Page.

Leroy Tucker, by Al McEwen, and Agnes McEwen.

MAY

Helen F. Osterman, by Osterman Jewelers employees.

Robert Krauss, by Virginia Keller.

Mrs. Frances Shea, by Mrs. K. W. Chubner.

Edouard David, by Mr. and Mrs. David Bonde.

Russell Baldwin, by Velma Bogart.

Charles Ritter, by Corrine Keller.

Mrs. Nellie Dunderman, by William A. Marti.

JUNE

Donald Auxter, by John and Joan Rohen.

John Schaub, by Barry McEwen.

Mrs. Violet Mensing, by Ruth K. Everhard, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Osmun.

Mrs. Marjorie Taylor, by Randolph A. Pence.

Edward Everhard, by Ruth Forrester, Elfrieda H. Coen, Margaret H. Seeman, Mrs. Norman O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Baldwin, Charles and Jayne Rouiller, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hebbeler, The Toledo Club, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Niehenke, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lauffer, Mrs. Benjamin Hausman, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Crawford, Edward Walters, Libby-Owens-Ford Company, Maureen I. Casey, Kenneth A. Lowery, Mrs. C. R. Bundt, Warren Reaser, by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whitacre, Mrs. Warren Stow and two others, Tom Ziems and two others.

Mrs. Melbourne Harris, by Mrs. Benjamin Hausman.

Evelyn J. Durney, by Rita J. Berz.

JULY

Leora Harris, by Lewis and Maxine Basch.
Father of John Wagener, by Margaret Smith.

Warren Reaser, by I. R. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rice and family, Miss Maxine M. Cosgray, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Smith, Helene C. Sanzenbacher.

Esther Ritenhour, by Mrs. Richard K. Beck.

Edward Everhard, by Wednesday Nooners Club.

Alvin O. Freimark, by J. T. Perry.

Madge Levinson.

Mrs. Helen Howard, by Marilyn C. Page.

Roland Diemer, by R. W. Diemer, Sr. Adam Bartell, by Alfred and Dorothy Meyers.

Paul E. Purzel, by John and Dorothy Wagener.

AUGUST

Robert Krauss, by Ken and Ruth Meyerholtz.

Mrs. Velma A. Louth, by Alice Louth Boyd.

Grace Geyer, by Ronnie Kastning, Louise Martin, Mary Camp, Katie Schiever, and Mrs. Norman Soutar.

SEPTEMBER

Joseph Glew, by Al and Wanda McEwen, and by Barry A. McEwen.

Robert W. Brown, by Jerry and Peg Draheim.

John Linn, by Robert E. Siegel.

Alfreda Meyer, by Juanita Carstensen, Edward Goldman, by Mary Frances Klein.

Lewis (Bill) Schneider, by Agnes McEwen, and Al and Wanda McEwen.

Christine Beach, by Bill Beach and family, K. C. Beach and family, Paul Beach and family, Mrs. Betty Horkey and family.



The opening round found Richard Hollins, left, pitted against Don Walhout, monitor at center is Denny Vassari, vice-president of the Findlay Chess Club, who kept written records of each player's moves and assisted as needed. Such monitors observed every match.

Three From Toledo Compete In Blind Chess Championships

Three Toledo men were among a group of 20 from around the nation who competed in the U.S. Blind Chess Championships at Findlay, O., Aug. 19-21. Two of them, Richard Hollins and John Linn, are employed in the Sight Center's sheltered workshop. Chester Franklin, Mr. Belin's half-brother, also competed. Playing on short notice and under difficult conditions, Mr. Belin and Mr. Franklin each won two of five games. Mr. Hollins lost his five, but vowed, "I'll improve on that next time". Play opened at 8 p.m. Aug. 19 in the dining room at the Fort Findlay Motor Inn with the temperature hovering around 90° F due to malfunctioning air conditioning equipment.

Tax Facts

APRIL

Birthday of Jane Ratliff, by James E. Luginbuhl.

MAY

80th Birthday of Elva Neeper, by Gladys Frazier.

JULY

Retirement of Msgr. Lawrence Mossing, by Palma Duganiero and Richard Wisniewski.

Anniversary of Lewis and Maxine Basch, by the Kaplin Foundation.

SEPTEMBER

Birthday of Mrs. William Goldman, by Mary Frances Klein.

Center Closed Thanksgiving Week
The Sight Center will be closed to normal business Thanksgiving week, Nov. 21-25, for inventory and maintenance purposes. Sales of Christmas cards will continue as usual, however.

Bequests

Harold D. Smith estate.

Kathryn M. Holmes estate.

Wade W. Fenton estate.

Deep Thought